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Despite the difficulties and hardships of competing with internet website stores and street vendors, the Hue-Man bookstore remains a thriving venture with a lot to offer. Marva Allen's plans for the future are enthusiastic and impressive. She envisions the expansion of the Hue-Man bookstore through the e-commerce project with state of the art technology, branding and global marketing.

TRIBUTE TO METRO UNITED U-17
GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding group of young ladies from Madison County, IL.

The Metro United U-17 girls soccer team won second place in the Illinois Youth Soccer Association State Cup finals June 15 in Libertyville, IL. Their only loss was in the championship game to Eclipse Select, the number one ranked team in the nation. Along the way to the finals, Metro United beat Eclipse Select South 2-0, Illinois Fusion 3-1, and Chicago Magic 1-0.

I want to congratulate coaches Tony Segobiano and Mitch Bohnak, and the members of the Metro United U-17 team: Megan Pawloski, Brittney Dailey, Jenny Humphrey, Emily Morris, Kelli Segobiano, Tess Huetner, Allison Menchak, Ashley Juravich, Jordan Hendrickson, Kaisi Hartwick, Kaitlyn Hoffman, Sam Poteet and Maureen Nesbit.

These young ladies have devoted many hours of hard work and dedication toward reaching this achievement, and I join with the other members of the House in congratulating them.

HONORING IRENE PEVERI FOR
HER DECADES OF PUBLIC SERVICE
AND COMMITMENT TO THE
NEIGHBORHOODS OF NEW YORK
CITY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, New York lost an exceptional community leader this month when Irene Peveri passed away. Irene Peveri was not just a leader, but a mentor and innovator who helped change the very skyline of Manhattan by persuading the city to require livable streetscapes in our densely urban community.

For nearly three decades, Irene Peveri passionately advocated both growth and preservation in New York City neighborhoods, and became a leading voice for "contextual zoning"—the idea that taller buildings are appropriate for avenues with their wider boulevards and retail activity, while low scale buildings are a better fit for side streets. She worked tirelessly with community boards, grassroots organizations, neighbors, politicians, business leaders, and entrepreneurs to ensure that New

York's neighborhoods retained a human scale. When she testified, her presentations were always thoughtful, factual, impressive and delivered with persuasive sincerity.

In the early 1980s Irene joined with her neighbors in successfully challenging the construction of a "sliver building." Sliver buildings are tall slender buildings constructed on lots that have a narrow frontage, typically 45 feet or less. The effort was successful when the city adopted a law banning sliver buildings in 1983.

In 1985, local leaders in founded East Side Rezoning Alliance (ESRA), a coalition of community groups dedicated to advocating zoning changes that would scale down allowable heights for new buildings on side streets. Irene served as ESRA's co-chair for most of its existence. At every opportunity, Irene encouraged builders and community groups to work together to ensure that new developments would be compatible in scale with older buildings in the neighborhood.

ESRA funded several planning studies to change the New York City Zoning Resolution, using the proceeds from an annual street fair along Third Avenue and grants from philanthropic organizations. These studies persuaded the Department of City Planning to support the rezoning of many areas between 14th and 59th streets, and led to a permanent change in city law. The new zoning text restricted large scale development to the avenues, and imposed stricter building heights on the side streets. This mix of development allows tall buildings to rise without overwhelming the neighborhood. The latest study funded by ESRA was the CB6 197-a Plan, a community-based plan covering the entire Community Board 6 area. It was adopted by the City Council on March 26, 2008.

The model Irene and her allies developed was replicated elsewhere in the city. ESRA gave support and guidance to community groups that were trying to fend off overbuilding. With Irene's assistance, other neighborhood groups were able to persuade the city to adopt contextual zoning for their areas. As a result, most neighborhoods enjoy a mix of development, and Manhattan residents can still enjoy a glimpse of the sky.

More recently, Irene worked with the Coalition for Community Facility Reform to oppose the proliferation of rear yard incursions. New York City's zoning resolution mandates rear yards, which were intended to provide residents with unbroken, block-long swaths of green. In 1961, the law was amended to allow community facilities (a term that includes everything from doctors' offices to monasteries, from day-care centers to various non-profits) to build extensions in the rear yards of residential buildings all the way to the property line, so long as the addition is no more than 23 feet high. These rear yard incursions reduce the availability of light, air and green space for residents of neighboring properties. Irene and other community leaders worked to persuade the city to change the zoning resolution to further restrict the types of entities that are eligible for the exemption to schools, houses of worship, colleges or universities, and hospitals and related facilities.

Irene was a member of Community Board 6 and served on its Land Use Committee. During that time, Irene was a vital participant in every major zoning review and initiative of Community Board 6, from the rebuilding of

Third Avenue, to, most recently, the development proposals for the Con Edison site on First Avenue. She remained active in the Community Board until her death and was Second-Vice Chair of the Board when she passed away. The Board recently celebrated her achievements at a ceremony held May 19, 2008.

Irene Peveri had a genuine passion for and dedication to all of Manhattan's neighborhoods. She was a consensus builder who understood the importance of working in concert with her neighbors. Irene had a unique gift for empowering others and engaging them in the community. She possessed a talent for bringing people and ideas together, forging unlikely partnerships that helped achieve the goal of making sure New York remains a livable city.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the enormous contributions to civic and political life made by Irene Peveri, a dedicated activist who made an extraordinary difference in the way New York City has developed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to note that I would have voted in favor of H.R. 3981, the Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act (Rollcall No. 471). I was unable to be present during the vote for this bill because my flight from Memphis to Washington was delayed due to an air traffic control constraint.

IN SUPPORT OF THE RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION ON DC'S
HANDGUN BAN

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my support for the recent decision made by the United States Supreme Court upholding the right of residents of the District of Columbia and elsewhere to keep and bear arms. On Thursday, June 26, 2008, the Court rightly struck down the decades old ban on handgun possession and ownership in the District of Columbia, one of the strictest bans in the country.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have co-sponsored legislation to end this ban and to expand gun rights within the District to preserve the Second Amendment rights guaranteed to all Americans by the U.S. Constitution. Furthermore, I signed an amicus brief along with 249 other members of this respected body opposing the District's gun ban and urging the Supreme Court to recognize its constitutional defects.

In issuing its decision, the Court affirmed and protected the Constitution and the right of a sportsman to have a registered shotgun in his home and renewed the right of a homeowner to possess a handgun in order to protect one's family and property from intruders.

While I certainly understand the desire to consider occurrences of violent crime when